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The Cambodian Army counterattack along the center of Phnom Penh's southern defense line remained stalled in the face of stiff resistance on February 4. Government armored units have outflanked Khmer Communist forces along the western end of the defense line, however, and now hold a short stretch of Route 3 south of the Prek Thnaot River. Elsewhere in the capital region, government clearing operations along Route 1 and the Bassac River southeast of the city made little progress. Heavy fighting was also reported along the Tonle Sap north of the capital. In the countryside, insurgent gunners hit the southern provincial capital of Takeo with ten 105-mm. howitzer rounds. It was the first such attack in several months.

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